

ceive them, and they are bringing us crowds. We are sowing, and God will give the increase. Each tract bears on it in red ink,

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"Come: for all things are now ready."

Thanks to brother G. W. Rensch, of Milford, Ind., for a liberal gift of his par excellent tract, Why I am a Member of the Brethren Church. It is one of the strongest tracts of the church, and should be liberally used in every congregation.

A memorial service was held commemorating the life of sister Charlotte Bond. She loved Jesus, the Word, the church, and humanity. She was hopeful, faithful, trustful, loving and forgiving. We all miss her godly counsel and her saintly presence, but her mantle has fallen on her daughter Lottie. She is the Mary of the church. May the Lord give us many of like spirit. Sister Lottie Bond desires in behalf of the family to publicly thank the Brethren and friends for their sympathy and fellowship in their time of sadness. Brother Kiehl has written an obituary, which has already appeared.

Thanks to brother J. C. Kimmel for a basket of substantials.

INDIANA DISTRICT

Indiana Mission Items

1. The *Union Gospel News* has the following:—A poor woman in Mexico burned charcoal and then walked five miles with it on her head three days out of each week, giving of her proceeds one-tenth for the purchase of Bibles for her people. This surely shows forth a spirit of devotion to God as well as an interest in her own people. I can only say this is an example worthy of imitation. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

2. The following from the *Union Gospel News*:—A note in China's Millions says:

"What an ever-present example the Moravian church is to the church at large? One out of every sixty members of this devoted body of men and women go to the foreign field; there are more than 500 missionaries working abroad; these are in the most difficult places upon the earth's surface: the gifts of the church amount to 20,000 pounds annually, and the converts number 95,000, or three times as many as the parent church. Surely such a record of God's faithfulness to a weak and almost unknown people ought to be an inspiration to us all." Here we have the result of a consecrated body working in unity. Figure for yourself how much each one gives. What can we do along this line? we can at least contribute our mite. As we love the church we will help expand her borders. Open doors right ahead of us and we are unable to enter. Consider the question of church expansion. Is not true Christian vitality shown in a missionary church the best? There is nothing which so enlarges one's heart as love for fellowmen. I read of

one who when he had found the Christ wanted his brother to find the Christ immediately. Who is my brother? Let us emulate the early church in working for Jesus. Some one has said they gave their best. Let us not only give the best, but ourselves, then I know material things will not be withheld.

3. Thanksgiving rally day for missions for the state of Indiana. You have no doubt seen the announcement in *EVANGELIST* of last week. Remember the time Sunday Dec. 3. The mission board is desirous of having every church respond, and every auxiliary organization to help us in the work. Pastors let me hear from you as soon as possible as it is our desire to publish a list of the churches that will respond to the call of the Mission Board. When we have heard from all a statement will appear in *B. E.* Help us along and we will do good work. Any inquiries you may have will be freely answered if possible by us.

THANKSGIVING RALLY DAY FOR MISSION WORK IN THE STATE.

Do not forget the day Sunday Dec. 3rd. I have written a card to every pastor in the state asking them all to help us in the work.

I expect a reply from all as soon as possible as I want to make up a roster of the pastors and churches that will help us in this work. Brethren, let us do our utmost all along the line. Do you desire any information, write. Is your church alive to missions? Do you feel our needs?

WM. H. MILLER.

Sec. Ind., M. B. of B. C.

The Sunday School

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR THEM?

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You have now entered fully upon your work with your class. A very serious question confronts you, this—What are you going to do for them? Will your work be along the dead level of last year; or have you begun with a determination to make this the most effective year of your Sabbath-school ministry? But how can this be accomplished?

First, you need a true sense of the importance of your work. To you is intrusted the sacred duty of dealing with a circle of immortal souls in that period of life when the whole mental and moral nature is like the wax tablet, ready to receive, and like the steel die, ready to retain upon it, any impression that may be made. If you will inquire, you will be surprised to find how many of your scholars neither attend any of the public services of the Church, nor enjoy any religious instruction whatever in their home. With you, therefore, rests the sacred trust of presenting to them at the most critical hour of their life the saving truths of God's word. Unless you discharge this duty, the possibility is that this service will remain undone. Then in a few short years these young people, who now lie in your grasp like clay in the

hands of the potter, will have drifted away from the Church, never again to come under its gracious influence.

You will need also a more thorough preparation of your lesson. You may remember that upon several occasions last year, you did not open your Bible until so late that you had only time for a mere glance at the lesson. Because of this, you spent a very uncomfortable hour with your scholars, the intensity of whose indifference was only equaled by your longing for the superintendent's bell to call the teaching period to a close. Now, a lesson to be properly prepared, like a good cup of tea, needs plenty of time "to draw." That is, you should begin early in the week, and by a careful study of the Scriptures, assisted by the admirable helps which are provided, and by earnest prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide you, you should not only strive to understand the lesson, but also long to make its teachings the expression of your own religious experience. Then, the work of teaching, instead of being a burden, will be a delight, because out of the mind and heart well furnished for your task you will be able both to instruct and interest your scholars.

Again, you must remember that you are not only the teacher, but also the pastor of a little flock who need your shepherding, and who will appreciate very much any little attention from you through the week, and because of such attention, will respond all the more readily to your touch upon the Sabbath. You have often wondered why the class next to yours is always so full, when the teaching is no better than yours. The secret is in the faithful, judicious oversight given by the teacher to every member of that class. If any of your scholars are away on any Sabbath, write to them, and if possible follow your letter by a personal visit. Thus you will show to them that you are in the school not simply because of a sense of duty, but because you are deeply interested in your scholars. Thus you will find the key to many a heart, and you will be able to enter the city of Man-Soul, and there do blessed work for the Master.

Now the Sabbath is over, and, amid the passing moments of the closing day, you are sitting alone, thinking of the needs, the temptations, the peculiar circumstances of each member of your little flock. Almost unconsciously you fall upon your knees to make intercession for each in the same spirit that Christ, again and again, pleaded for the weak, erring men who composed his class. Such intercessions God will answer, such service God will bless to the conversion and sanctification of your scholars, and as they take their place in the Church, you will be more than recompensed for any self-sacrifice you may have made. With an ever-deepening personal experience will you enter into the richer meaning of our Lord's words: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."